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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and

Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congress

will be received by the President every day,

except Mondays, from 10 until 12.

Persons not members of Congress having

business with the President will be received

from 12 until 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays

and Saturdays.

Those who have no business, but call

merely to pay their respects, will be

received by the President in the East Room

at 11 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and

Saturdays.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

Secretaries Blaine, Proctor and Tracy

have issued the following order for the

reception of visitors:

Reception of Senators and Representatives

in Congress, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Reception of all persons not excepted

by the Departments, at 12 o'clock, except

Tuesdays and Fridays, which are Cabinet

days; and Thursdays in the Department of

State, when the members of the Diplomatic

Corps are exclusively received.

Persons will not be admitted to the build-

ing after 2 o'clock each day, unless by card,

which will be sent by the captain of the

watch to the chief clerk or to the head of

the bureau for which the visit is intended.

This rule will not apply to Senators, Representa-

tives or heads of Executive Depart-

ments.

THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORMERS.

The civil-service reformers continue

their efforts, and one cannot but admire

their persistence and their undoubted

earnestness. Still one grim fact stands

out; they have lost rather than gained

ground within the last four years.

No doubt many bad results came

from a change of office-holders with

every change in the political

complexion of the dominant party, but the

belief is gaining ground that the party

in power should have the privilege of

doing things in its own way with its own

people; should be absolutely unham-

pered in the work of conducting the

Government. If the work be not well

done a verdict in accordance with the

facts will be rendered at the next

national election. There are a host of

clerks and petty officials who should,

perhaps, hold their places through

good behavior, but when a plain

man of importance it is but justice that the

dominant party should control it also.

Intely, since the dominant party will be

held responsible for its management.

One source of weakness of the civil

service reformers is that they are about

the most unmagmatic group ever at-

tempting an influence on the course of

political events. They are dyspeptic.

They take slight part in any political

fray, when their own pet is not an

issue, and they are, as a rule, of the

opinion that the pace the country is

making toward the demitition bow-

wows is something phenomenal. They

are a collection of respectable possi-

bilities. They are not popular, though

held in much esteem.

The civil service reformers have their

sides. They are like the death's head at

the Greek banquet, not very much alive,

but a constant reminder for good be-

havior. May indignation never carry

them all off.

BISHOP POTTER'S STRONG SERMON.

Bishop Potter of New York is a

pretty big man. He was interviewed

yesterday by a reporter for the New

York World and questioned as to what

he meant when he said in his recent

sermon:

We have exchanged the Washingtonian

in its own way, for the estimate of the

opinions of men, of the impress for good or

evil that they have left on the social fabric.

I ask nobody to be responsible for my

opinions, but to use always the same

the sleek, smooth-tongued chicanery that de-

veloped in Jefferson's time was quite as

offensive as the blatant shibboleths of the

spoils hunters in Jackson's days. I rather

lean to the side of frankness, and we must

admit that Jackson's whole character en-

couraged it. This explanation is chiefly re-

ferred necessary because of my use of the

word "simplicity." It may have been vague.

He added in further conversation that

political parties are necessary to keep

society sweet. The danger of the

present situation is that the people are

too largely silent. He said of this

period of rich men's advent into poli-

tics that everybody has recognized the

rise of the money power. Its growth

not merely stifles the independence of

the people, but the blind believers in

money's omnipotent power assert that

its liberal use condones every offense.

A man who has keen perceptions and

good judgment, a man who is not afraid

to speak the truth, is Bishop Potter of

New York.

CHICAGO'S ADDITIONS.

Let justice be done Chicago. A

number of Chicago suburbs have lately

voted in favor of annexation to the city,

and comment is made in newspapers in

other cities, intimating that Chicago is

being extended out over a sparsely

populated territory. As a matter of

fact, this is not the case. Chicago has

grown until the city limits, like those of

the limits of the city, and the outlying

portion of the town on all sides is made

up of business and residence districts,

under village government. In other

words, Chicago consists of a "core," so

to speak, under city government, while

this "core" is encircled by a row of

villages. It is impossible to tell with-

out consulting authorities where the

city ends and the village system begins.

It is a bad arrangement, and this whole

densely populated district should have

been under one city government long

ago. Even with the additions proposed

Chicago will be about as compact a

municipality as any in the country.

There is no denying the great Lake

city's enormous and continued growth.

The Washington militia made an

admirable showing in New York and receive,

deservedly, the admiring comment of the

New York press. Assisted by no State, the

Washington contingent paid their own ex-

penses, and did credit to the District.

CRUCIAL.

A man never opens a box of chewing

tobacco with a corker; he simply pulls

the plug out with his fingers.

The hen may get the garden saved by a

scratch, but she gets it all the same.

There's something rotten in the State of

Denmark; roared a ham actor in a New

Jersey town, and just then an Easter egg

of the vintage of 1887 hurtled through the

air and struck him. "I beg pardon," he

continued, undismayed, "with the kind

permission of the audience, I will change

the scene from Denmark to New Jersey."

The Oklahoma Baseball Club has not yet

been organized. R. E. Volter has put in a

ball or two with a swiftness and accuracy

which would indicate who was to be

pitcher.

CURFEW WILL NOT HINGE TO-NIGHT.

They have seen the President.

And he has his legal say.

Which will stop proceedings and

Colbert will not hang to-day.

A motion, officials admire—promotion.

Small Boy: Pa, what does Misogynist

mean?

Pa: It means a woman-hater.

S. B. (still thirsty for knowledge): Then,

pa, does Misogynist mean a man-hater?

He and she.

"If I were king," he said,

"and you were just a lowly beggar maid,

With my strong hand I'd lift you to my

throne."

And crown you queen, and in my great

king's bride.

Men would not know,

Or would forget, the beggar maid."

"If I were queen," she said,

"and you a careless, wandering minstrel,

strayed

To my fair court, I'd sit you on the throne;

And being there, the greatest king e'er

knew."

I would kneel down

And serve you as your maid."

—[Outing.]

Smoking Stops Microbes.

(Gentlemen's Magazine.)

The experiments of T. V. Tashner will

rejoice the hearts of many smokers. He

cented together by their wide mouths two

glass funnels so as to form a cigar-holder,

with a large chamber in the middle. In

this chamber was smoked the tobacco

smoke. At one end of this cigar

holder was a plug of cotton wool, acting as

a smoke filter. A cigar was placed at the

other end, lighted and smoked according

to the method of the smoker being ex-

perimented upon. The result was that the

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